

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-25 and 27 are pending in the case. Claims 10-25 are allowed. Claims 2-9 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 2 and 27 are herein amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 2-9 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, claim 2 is said to be indefinite because paratoluene sulfonyl chloride is not a polymeric aryl sulfonamide. Further, claim 27 is said to lack antecedent basis in the term "polymeric aryl sulfonyl."

Claim 2 is herein amended to delete "paratoluene sulfonyl chloride" from the Markush group. Claim 27 is herein amended to delete "polymeric".

Accordingly, the rejection of claim 2, its direct or indirect dependent claims 3-9 and claim 27 should be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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